Strange and

NEWS

FROM

BRISTOL

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A True Relation, how ſeveral *Sheep* were found *Killed* near that City; their *Bellies being Ript Open*, and their *Fat only taken out of them*; all the reſt of the *Carcaſs* being left entire, in order (as it is to be *Feared*) to the Kindling more *Dreadful Fires*, for carrying on the Horrid and Damnable *Popiſh Plot* and *Conſpiracy* for the Deſtruction of His *Majeſty*, and the *Proteſtant Religion* and *Government* now Eſtabliſht by Law.

Together, With the Examinations taken thereupon, before Sir *John Lloyd* Mayor, Sir *Robert Cann*, Mr. Alderman *Yates*, Capt. *William Bedloe*, and Sheriff *Jackſon*, and many other of the moſt Eminent Citizens of *Briſtol*.

THoſe Damnable and Helliſh Popiſh Conſpirators, who have Deſigned the Deſtruction of His Majeſty and Government, and the Religion of this Nation now by Law Eſtabliſht, have found no way more Effectual for carrying on this their Horrid Plot, than Fireing; and thereby Impoveriſhing the Famous City of *London*, and alſo the moſt Conſider[illegible]

Kingdom; againſt ſome of which they have [illegible] Effectually ſucceeded in their Villany, and have deſigned it againſt all the reſt; and this they have performed by ſeveral Wayes and Methods; of which Captain *William Bedloe* hath given a very large and ſatisfactory Account, in the late Impartial Narrative of the Fires of *London*, *Weſtminſter*, *Southwark*, and the parts *Adjacent*, publiſhed by him.

And among the ſeveral Wayes whereby they perpetrated their Miſchiefs; One uſual Method was, By Throwing Fire-Balls into Houſes, Windows, or any other place where there was Combuſtible matter fit for their purpoſe: which Fire-Balls were compounded of ſeveral Ingredients; and among the reſt, we hear that they generally uſed a great quantity of *Sheeps-Fat* taken from the *Cawl* and *Kidneys*; and upon this Account we may well ſuppoſe the Reaſon why we have heard of ſo many *Sheep* that have been found Killed in the Fields, having nothing taken from them but only their *Fat*: And this has been done ſeveral Times, and in many Places of this Kingdom, diverſe having been found *Dead* in the ſame manner in and about *London*, awhile before the *Dreadful Burning* thereof; as alſo about *Northampton* before the *Fire* thereof: Yea, ſome *Sheep* (not many Months ſince) have been found in the ſame Poſture in the County of *Surrey*, not above Seven or Eight Miles from *London*.

And for the further Confirmation of theſe their Wicked Practices, we ſhall now give you this Brief, but True Account, That upon *Thurſday* the Twenty Fourth of this inſtant *July*, near the City of *Briſtol*, there were *Five Sheep* found *Dead* in the Fields, with their *Bellies ript open*, and all their *Kidney-Fat* taken out of them, and the *Carcaſs* and *Skin*, with all the *Quarters*, was left entire upon the Ground.

Upon the Report of this Miſchief, there was Complaint made to the Magiſtrates of the City of *Briſtol*, ſince it was to be Feared it might prove Dangerous

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that is, upon the Seventeenth of this Month; Whereupon the Mayor of *Briſtol*, with ſeveral Aldermen of the ſame City, and alſo Captain *William Bedloe*, took the ſame into their ſerious Conſideration, and made a ſtrict Enquiry into the Buſineſs; and finding the thing to be True, that ſo many *Sheep* had been really deſtroyed, and found *Dead* in the manner aforementioned; they immediately iſſued out Orders, That the *Common Watch* uſually belonging to the City, ſhould be *Double* the *Number* as formerly; and that Six of the moſt Conſiderable and Subſtantial *Houſe-keepers* in each *Pariſh*, ſhould *Watch* every Night in their *Own Perſons*, till further Order to the Contrary: And that all poſſible Care ſhould be taken by all means, to endeavor to Seize upon theſe Wretched Incendiaries, that ſo they might be brought to Condign Puniſhment for theſe their Curſed Attempts.

And the Reaſon of this Order was, Becauſe, as we mentioned before, the like Wicked Practices were uſed before the *Fires* of *London*, *Southwark*, and other Places; For we are told, That this *Sheeps Fat*, with other *Compounds* made up into *Fire-Balls*, are of an Extraordinary furious Burning Quality; ſo that when they are once Kindled, they cannot be Quenched, till they go out of themſelves: And where they are Thrown, they Stick ſo faſt, as not to be Removed, till they have wrought their Curſed Effect.

This Relation is moſt certainly True; and we hope, may Warn us to have a Care of the Curſed Doctrines and Practices of the *Romiſh Church*, who allow of *Firings*, *Murtherings*, *Poyſoning*, and all other Villanies whatſoever, if it may any way promote their Damnable Cauſe and Intereſt.

And now Dear Country-men, ſince your Lives, Liberties, and Eſtates, are once more put into your own Hands, Let it be your greateſt care in the *Choice*

for the ensuing *Parliament*, since a Miscarriage herein, may never be Retrieved: Chuse men of *Honesty*, *Sobriety* and *Courage*; those that may Stand by His Majesty for the Defence of his Sacred Person, and the Protestant Religion and Government Established; Those that may not be Afraid to Search into the Bottom of this Damnable Hellish Plot and Conspiracy, to Destroy His Majesty, and the Laws; Such as may make Provision, that we may not leave a Religion of Blood, Villany, and Slavery to our Posterity: Let not him be counted the Fittest man for your Choice, who gives you the most *Drink*, and spends the most *Money*; lest like Cursed *Esau*, you sell your Birth-right for a Mess of *Pottage*, and Establish Slavery by a Law: Which God in his great Mercy prevent. *Amen.*

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